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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed July 19, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as indicated below. Pursuant to the Request for Extension of Time enclosed herewith, the period for response has been extended one (1) month, to expire November 19, 2006.